

CREDIBILITY (II)

That Thy Profiting May Appear to All

1 Tim 4:13-16

1 Tim. 4:15

Meditate: take care of; let these things revolve in mind.

Saturate mind with these things

These things: principles laid down in this epistle.

give thyself wholly to them: Let these things be your very existence.

Get all way in!

H.A.Ironside: *No one who really wants to count for God can afford to play at Christianity! He must make it the one great business of his life.*

Oliver Greene: *Throw yourself completely into the ministry. Throw yourself at the feet of Jesus. Give of your time, your physical strength, your talents. Give everything...always. Put yourself entirely into the ministry of the Word.*

Wholly: everything. The best, all elements of your life;

Revelation 3:14-17

F.B.Meyer: *...If you cannot trust me in all the rooms of your life, I cannot accept any of the keys...Lord, please take all keys to all rooms of my life.*

Jim Elliot: *God, I pray Thee, light these idle sticks of my life, that I may burn for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine. I seek not a long life, but a full one, life You, Lord Jesus*

Dr. Howard A. Kelly: *I dedicate myself, my time, my capabilities, my ambition, everything to Him. Blessed Lord, sanctify me to Thy uses. Give me no worldly success which may not lead me nearer to my Saviour!*

IV. Take Spiritual Inventory.

1 Tim. 4:16

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine: Examine heart, life, motives in light of doctrine.

Continue in them: Be faithful yourself.

Practice what preach.

Holy living and sound teaching must go together.

in them: Stay by the side of ...stick to them; see them through.

God must work in you, before He can work through you.

Ezra 7:10 ... and to do it,...

Save: rescue, release, loose, set free, deliver.

Losing credibility and testimony.

So What?

Want God to Use you?

Blessings of God on life and ministry?

1. Emphasize Word of God
2. Use spiritual gift.
3. Give self fully to Christ.
4. Take spiritual inventory.

*One day I looked at myself,
At the self that Christ can see;
I saw the person I am today
And the one I ought to be.*

*I saw how little I really pray,
How little I really do;
I saw the influence of my life-
How little of it was true!*

*I saw the bundle of faults and fears
I ought to lay on the shelf;
I had given a little bit to God,
But I hadn't give myself.*

*I came from seeing myself.
With the mind made up to be
The sort of person that Christ can use
With a heart He may always see*